

# DETAILS OF "DAGO FRANK'S" CONFESSION; GUNMEN NEVER HEARD OF LIEUT. BECKER

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### WHITMAN THROWS A DOUBT ON GUNMAN'S CONFESSION; READY TO TRY BECKER AGAIN

Can't See How Cirofici Could  
Know About Shooting if  
He Didn't See It.

TO PUSH BECKER CASE.

Will Ask Justice Seabury to  
Begin It May 4, but  
Shay Objects.

Assistant District Attorney Delahanty, who is in Albany, had District Attorney Whitman on the long-distance telephone this afternoon and told him of a so-called confession made by "Dago Frank" a few hours before he was put to death in Sing Sing this morning, saying it was to be made public in full at Albany tonight. Mr. Delahanty gave Mr. Whitman the substance of the confession over the telephone, but because he had not seen it nor had it read completely to him Mr. Whitman refused to comment on it. He did call attention to the fact that "Dago Frank" said he had not been at the scene of the murder. How, then, asked the District Attorney, could he tell whether or not Vallon had fired any of the shots?

He pointed out also that the confession corroborated the testimony of Jack Rose that he, Webber and Vallon went to the Seventh Avenue flat of the gunman on the night of the murder and carried Frank in an automobile to Webber's room at 414 Sixth Avenue and Forty-second street.

Mr. Whitman gave notice to-day that he would go before Justice Seabury Wednesday and move that the second trial of former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, for the murder of Rosenthal, begin Monday, May 4. Joseph A. Shay, Becker's counsel, said he would oppose a trial so early and would ask for a date in the latter part of the month.

"What has happened to-day is a vindication for Becker. Becker will be acquitted without a doubt now," Mr. Shay said. "To the last these four men denied that Rose had said anything to them about Becker. Rose testified that he went to them for Becker, but they said he didn't, and to my mind that shows that Rose lied on the witness stand in the Becker trial."

Becker in his cell in the Tombs refused to see callers. In response to notes from reporters the former police lieutenant sent word he "had nothing to say."

A report was current in the Criminal Court Building this afternoon following a visit of Shay to Becker in the Tombs that Mr. Shay had severed his connection with the Becker case and would not appear as counsel to the ex-police man at his new trial.

When this rumor was repeated to Mr. Shay's secretary, the latter replied: "Mr. Shay says there is not a word of truth in this rumor. He has not terminated his connection with the case."

### HOLD HER FOR SHOOTING OF BROTHER-IN-LAW

Police Say Woman Accused of  
Crime Told Them Slain Man  
"Was in the Way."

TAUNTON, Mass., April 13.—Edgar Scudder, a farmer, was shot through the heart late to-day and died almost instantly. His sister-in-law, Mrs. Bradford Scudder, who lived in the same house, was arrested.

### 30,000 AT OPENING GAME OF FEDERAL LEAGUE'S SEASON

Mayor Declares Half Holiday  
and Baltimore Fans Make  
It Gala Occasion.

GILMORE ENTHUSIASTIC.

President of "Outlaws" Wires  
Fellow Magnates on Success  
of Organization's Start.

SCORE BY INNINGS.  
BUFFALO— 0 0 0 0 2 0 0—  
BALTIMORE— 0 0 0 3 0 0 —

BATTING ORDER.  
Buffalo. Hanford, cf.  
Meyer, rf. Knabe, 2b.  
Zinn, cf. Downey, 2b.  
Simmons, lf. Louden, ss.  
Swaine, 1b. Bonnin, rf.  
Walsh, 3b. Delahanty, lf.  
Doonan, ss. Smith, 2b.  
Jacklisch, c. Agler, 1b.  
Quinn, p. Blair, c.  
Impres— Rush and Mannana.  
Mayor Preston tossed out the first ball.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
TERRAPIN PARK, BALTIMORE, Md., April 13.—Pandemonium greeted the opening of the Federal League season here when, shortly after 2 o'clock, the Baltimore and Buffalo teams crowded about the grounds while the "Star Spangled Banner" and Old Glory was run up on the center-field flagpole. The crowd at 2:30 extended for several blocks outside the gates and they were being admitted rapidly. "Knabe's" Monumentals took the field for practice immediately and were wildly cheered. Hunt Walsh drove the first ball out of the field over the left-field fence in practice. Schall's pots went on the field at 2:30. Both teams displayed plenty of pep.

Moving picture men were busy. There were few vacant seats at 2:40 and the crowd was lined dozens deep around the entire field. No world series crowd ever displayed more enthusiasm. The new park is a regular sun field.

President Gilmore sent a telegram to each of the magnates in the cities where the Feds are located, saying: "Weather ideal. Greatest crowd I ever saw at a ball game. Fully 40,000 inside and hundreds outside."

A little negro girl captured the ball hit out of the park by Walsh and sold it for a nickel to a roofer. Dawn found the formation of lines of eager spectators outside the fence already on hand and when the sun arose the lines numbered hundreds. More than 15,000 reserved seats had been sold. Eight thousand five hundred seats were placed on sale at noon and these were quickly gobbled up; 10,000 pasteboards calling for standing room only were also put on sale and went quickly.

The town is really baseball mad and there has not been as much excitement in the city since Ned Hanlon led his famous three-time pennant winners in the '90s in the National League.

It is a half holiday in the city and

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### CAN'T TRANSFER HUMAN ORGANS, SAYS DR. CARREL

Noted Surgeon Tells Confreres  
That Such Experiments  
Proved Unsuccessful.

SAME WITH ANIMALS.

No Sign at Present That the  
Desired End Will Be  
Achieved.

Experiments which convinced him that it was impossible to replace the organs of one person with those of another were recounted to-day to members of the International Surgical Association in the Hotel Astor by Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute, winner of the Nobel prize for surgery in 1912. Some two hundred surgeons attended the congress, the fourth since the association's inception and the first ever held in this country.

Dr. Carrel said he had found that organs could be taken out, cleansed and replaced in animals, but that the time was not ripe for applying this to human beings. However, even in animals organs could not be transferred.

He told of experiments on dogs beginning as long ago as 1908, when organs were removed and cleansed with perfect success. The transfer of kidneys was made in two dogs, and, although the animals gave promise for weeks of regaining complete health, both died in about seven or eight months.

"In all my experiments," said he, "I have found that although cleansing operations were always successful, the transferring operations invariably proved unsuccessful. We have at present no ray of light which may aid us in applying transferral operations to man."

Dr. Carrel said his experiments and those of Dr. James B. Murphy of the Rockefeller Institute had been made on dogs, cats and sheep. Dr. Murphy's results confirmed Dr. Carrel's conclusions.

Mayor Slashes a Thumb.  
Mayor Mitchell arrived at the City Hall to-day with the thumb on his left hand wound about with bandages. Inquiries as to what had happened revealed the fact that in stripping his razor this morning preparatory to shaving, the razor slipped and cut his thumb. "It's a mere scratch," said the Mayor. "I guess I straggled too vigorously."

Williamsburg Bridge Opens.  
The Williamsburg Bridge, which was closed to traffic last Friday to permit of repairs, was thrown open to-day for all traffic. Bridge Commissioner Kracke said it would be necessary within a month to again close the bridge for several days for more repairs.

THE WORLD'S STUPENDOUS  
LEAD OVER ALL  
OTHER NEW YORK NEWS-  
PAPERS COMBINED AS A  
GUIDE TO POSITIONS.  
If you want work of any kind, a larger salary or more congenial employment, it will pay you to read and think over carefully just what these figures mean.  
Last week there were printed—  
10,683 WORLD "HELP"  
1,203 MORE THAN  
DOUBLE THE  
4,740 PUBLISHED IN ALL THE  
SIX OTHER NEW YORK MORN-  
ING AND SUNDAY NEWS-  
PAPERS ADDED TOGETHER.  
Do not these remarkable facts give you renewed hope in finding the employment you seek?  
Do they not impress you with The World's truly remarkable prestige as a position-offering medium?  
Do they not convince you of the advisability of reading World "Help Wanted" Ads. to-day or ANY TIME you desire to turn your services into ready cash?  
World Ads. Are as Thoroughly Read as They Are Well Used.

### BIG CROWDS AT FUNERAL OF FIRST GUNMAN BURIED

News of Bringing of Body of  
Whitey Lewis Spreads  
Quickly Over East Side.

ALL STREETS BLOCKED.

Services at Undertaker's Stable  
Attended by His  
Family.

The body of "Whitey Lewis" Seidenshner was to-day brought from the death house of Sing Sing in an automobile funeral van to the undertaking establishment of Hirsch & Schwartz, No. 50 Willet street, which is the very heart of the lower east side. The funeral took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon, Louis Hirsch reading the services for the dead in Hebrew. The body will be taken to Mount Zion Cemetery at Maspeth, L. I., and interred.

The news that the body of Lewis, who had been brought up in the neighborhood, was being brought back to the haunts he had frequented in life spread through the most densely populated section of New York, a section packed and jammed with people of Russian extraction.

It filtered over as far as Corlear's Hook to the east and through the tall tenements of the byways around Hamilton Park to the north. Every body on lower Avenue D, Avenue B and the little cross streets that butt into each other in that section heard about the bringing of the dead gunman to the Hirsch & Schwartz establishment.

The feast of the Passover being in process, there were many of the orthodox of the ancient faith of Judah away from their tasks. The bright sunshine was a lure for the multitudinous children, and the sidewalks were crowded with them. They whispered of the gunman's return to the neighborhood fearfully to each other and went in little squads to peep into the deep shadows of the Willet street stable door through which the automobile hearse had rolled.

Even before the body reached the undertaking establishment the crowd had become so great that the reserves from the Clinton street station were sent to keep open traffic and guard against disorder.

Max Seidenshner, the father, a book-binder, came with his wife, Miriam, and their children, Morris, Joseph, Bessie and Tilly. There is nothing fancy about the Hirsch & Schwartz establishment.

It is nearly all stable. Space in that part of the east side is very precious and the firm has no parlor or chapel room for the holding of services for the dead. There is only a tiny little office back large enough to hold a dozen people and then the room for horses and carriages and horses. In this little office an altar was built and draped in black. At this altar the final prayers for the dead were said.

One of the visitors to the place was the man Libby, who was joint owner with Shapiro of the automobile used by the gunman when they fled after the murder of Rosenthal.

As the funeral car carrying "Whitey's" body headed for the Williamsburg Bridge a throng of the morbidly curious followed and finally several thousand gathered in the esplanade, with many climbing the bridge parapets to get a glimpse of the coffin or of the vehicle carrying it.

So great was the interest in the executions that another crowd of about 500 persons gathered about the house of "Lefty Louie" at No. 24 Third street also, and the reserves of the Clinton street station, which had been on duty for the funeral of "Whitey," were sent to that place to keep traffic open. "Lefty's" body had not been brought home, but the crowd gathered just the same to stare at the windows of the building.

The body of "Dago Frank" was brought to the city this afternoon and placed in the undertaking parlors of William E. Doyle at One Hundred and Eighty-ninth street and Webster avenue, the Bronx. Funeral services will be held there on Wednesday. The mother of the executed man was taken to her home, No. 360 East One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street.

### Gunman Who Confessed How Rosenthal Was Put to Death



"DAGO FRANK."

### HOW FOUR GUNMEN DIED TOLD IN FULL DETAIL; "DAGO FRANK" WENT FIRST

Took Thirty-Nine Minutes to Put Quartet to  
Death in Chair—"Whitey Lewis" Protested  
Innocence as Current Was Turned On.

By Martin Green.

(Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

OSSINING, April 13.—In just thirty-nine minutes from the time "Dago Frank" Cirofici sat in the electric chair at 5:38 o'clock this morning the law had exacted its penalty for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, and four limp corpses lay on slabs in the autopsy room back of the death chamber.

"Dago Frank" was the first to go. With machine-like precision "Whitey Lewis" Seidenshner, "Gyp the Blood" Horowitz and "Lefty Louie" Rosenberg were marched into the chamber, strapped into the chair and then carried out dead.

Cirofici and Horowitz were the most expeditiously slain. Whitey Lewis died hard. Poor little Rosenberg, the last to go, almost prostrated by the wait for his fate, offered such resistance to the electric current that three separate shocks were required to end his life.

"WHITEY" DENOUNCES ACCUSERS.

All the men expressed to Warden Clancy a desire to be allowed to say something before being put to death. Whitey Lewis was the only one who adhered to his determination. While the electricians were fastening the electrodes to his head and face he almost shouted this last message to the world:

"Some witnesses went on the stand and swore they seen me shoot. They are perjurers! I swear, by God, I didn't shoot at Rosenthal!"

As Whitey uttered the word "perjurers" Rabbi Goldstein, his spiritual adviser, began to chant the prayers for the dead in Hebrew. The condemned man finished his denial and then joined in the prayer which was cut short by the shock that coursed through his body.

The executions were carried out after a night of suspense in the prison and the death house.

Mrs. Mary Cirofici, the mother of "Dago Frank," and his sister called at the prison shortly after 4 o'clock this morning for a last farewell. "Dago Frank" was taken from the death house into a room in a

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### 'DAGO FRANK' MADE CONFESSION TO MOTHER AN HOUR BEFORE DEATH

Never Heard of Lieut. Becker, De-  
clared Condemned Gunman—  
Hired to Kill "Dollar John" Lan-  
ger and Herman Rosenthal.

### SAYS VALLON FIRED SHOT IN ATTACK AT METROPOLE

All Four Put to Death in 39 Minutes  
—All Wanted to Talk From  
the Chair.

(Special to The Evening World.)

OSSINING, April 13.—In a confession made shortly before he was put to death in the electric chair to-day, Dago Frank Cirofici told what he knew about the murder of Herman Rosenthal. The statement was made in a private room in Sing Sing prison to Cirofici's mother, his sister and several others.

The point of Dago Frank's statement is that, according to his best knowledge and belief, gained from conversation held after the tragedy, Whitey Lewis, Lefty Louie and Gyp the Blood killed Herman Rosenthal. Furthermore, and probably most important of the revelation of Dago Frank, is the declaration that Lieut. Becker's name was never mentioned to him in connection with the murder.

As a matter of fact, according to Dago Frank's story the gunman did not start out to "get" Herman Rosenthal. The man they were after was Dollar John Langer, an east side gambler who had incurred the enmity of Jack Rose and Bridge Webber.

Cirofici, in his statement, said that on July 15, 1913, the date preceding that of Rosenthal's murder, he, Whitey Lewis, Lefty Louie and Gyp the Blood were instructed by Jack Rose and Bridge Webber to go to Far Rockaway and "do up Dollar John." Just at this time Rosenthal was in communication with the District Attorney, and "Dollar John" had been mentioned by him as a witness who could substantiate his testimony as to the relations between himself and Becker.

FGUND "DOLLAR JOHN" SURROUNDED.

Rosenthal's story to the District Attorney was scheduled to be told a few hours after the gunmen were deputed to go to Far Rockaway and get "Dollar John." Cirofici said in his statement that "Dollar John" was described to the "boys" as a "squealer."

The statement of Dago Frank was made under great stress of excitement and is largely fragmentary. He was not sure who sent him to Far Rockaway with the other gunmen. But he said that when he and his companions found "Dollar John" at the seashore "Dollar John" was surrounded by a "bunch."

Owing to the presence of the "bunch," "Dago Frank's" recital goes, "Dollar John" was not molested. The four gunmen passed the time of day with him and returned to New York.

They went to the Continental Cafe, at No. 76 Second Avenue, Cirofici's statement continued, and there they divided. Cirofici said he went to Harlem to see his girl, Jean Gordon. He paid no attention to the movements of his companions, inasmuch as they had failed in their mission to "get" Dollar John.

He was in his flat at One Hundred and Forty-fifth street and Seventh Avenue, he said in his statement, when he heard a peculiar whistle in the street, which caused him to go to the window. In front of the flat house in which he lived he saw Jack Rose, "Bridge" Webber and another in an automobile. They called to him to come downstairs, and he complied.

Cirofici's statement then goes on to describe how a change in the plans of Rose and Webber had been made. They took him down to "Bridge" Webber's poker room at Forty-second street and Sixth Avenue in the automobile. He found "Gyp the Blood," "Whitey Lewis" and "Lefty Louie" there. They drank quite a lot and Webber went out. After a time Webber returned with the information that the "—"

(Rosenthal) was over at the Metropole. Cirofici said that he and his three companions started downstairs with the intention of getting into an automobile and riding around to the Metropole.

Cirofici's statement—a little lame on this point because it was made in the presence of his mother and sister—goes on to describe how